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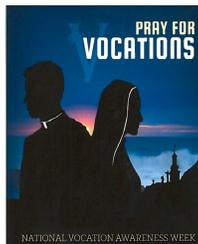
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A Note From Father Donald Staib

November began Wednesday - it is the month we remember those who have died. Among the dead are members of our family, our friends, those who have helped to provide for us the enjoyments of our lives. May God give them rest and peace.

I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat, Nov. 4th about 10:30am, when I am finished with Baptisms. I will be in the Reconciliation Room on the south side of the Church. I will try to offer this time as often as I can.



ALSO DURING NOVEMBER - PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

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They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. (Gospel)

Van Gogh, Women Miners Carrying Coal
1881-82

Now That The New Church Is Completed!

We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years - and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building.

Here is a snapshot of the giving patterns of our parish during the past 12 months for Offertory [payments on pledges to the new church is a separate account]. The amounts below are the sum of all offertory received in the past 12 months.

12 over \$10,000	25 over \$6,000	35 over \$4,000	85 over \$2,000
345 over \$1,000	300 over \$500	382 over \$100	155 over \$3.00

We are so grateful to those who have helped us. We are blessed with generous people who provide for our ministries and buildings.

As careful administrators of people's gifts, each year we review our membership rolls. One item that is easy to analyze are the gifts to the parish. We could not find a record of any gift in the past 12 months for about 325 names on our current list.

We have written these folks recently - snail mail - asking their intentions to continue membership in the parish. If we do not hear back in a reasonable time, we will remove them from our active list.

DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Pictures of the Week

Here are some pictures from some of the first weddings in our new Church.
Miles/Dearmin Wedding!



Miles/Dearmin Wedding!



Tucker/Brown Wedding



Women's Fellowship Trunk-A-Treat on October 27th!



Reflection

In today's Gospel, the misuse of power is central to Jesus' teaching where he speaks forcefully about the good use of power as compared to its opposite.

Good power, Jesus passionately argues, embraces a selfless, benevolent dimension. It involves the sharing of burdens, not the imposition of millstones around the necks of others.

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Western Wake Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Collection. Our parish will be collecting food to donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) in Apex for Thanksgiving Meals for needy families. **Please stop by the donation table in the Narthex during the weekends of Nov. 4th/5th and Nov. 11th/12th to pick up a donation tag.** All donations must be brought to StMM before all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 18th/19th; but no later than 10:45 am on the 19th to allow time for delivery to WWCM. **All checks for turkeys or complete meals should be made payable to WWCM.**

KofC Blood Drive



KofC Blood Drive is a GO!-The Rex Bloodmobile will be here on Sat, Nov. 4th from 11am-2pm. Sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/stmm>. We are still looking for blood donors, so please consider donating this Saturday. **Walk-ins are welcome.** Please remember to eat and drink well before your appointment and bring a photo ID. The cost of mobilizing necessitates a minimum of 20 people. Questions contact Bob Wolf at bobwolfpcs@yahoo.com, 352-397-9793.

Eucharistic Minister Training



EMs of HC in the Sacred Liturgy Training Sessions - Need a brush up on new procedures? Interested in being involved in the ministry? A training session is set for Sun Nov. 12th & Sun, Dec. 3rd in the Church from 2-4pm. New to the ministry please arrive at 2pm for complete training. Veterans who would like a brush up newly amended procedures please arrive at 3pm. RSVP to Celeste at usischon@stmm.net.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Children's Liturgy of the Word-The CLOW ministry guides children ages 3 to 6 years through the Liturgy of the Word in a prayerful, kid-centered way. We are excited to begin offering CLOW at the 9 am and 10:45 am Masses, and to do so we need C-Level Safe Environment Volunteer Leaders and Parent Assistants. Contact Celeste at usichon@stmm.net to volunteer for the CLOW ministry

Chrysalis



Calling all married couples to Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment! With a focus on faith and fellowship, monthly meetings are designed to help couples strengthen their relationships and families through Christ. To sign up or for more information, please email Ryan & Kelley Evenson at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com.

Our last Fall meeting date is November 19 from 12-1:15 pm in the New Church Meeting Rooms. Onsite childcare is available for children under 10 years. RSVPs are kindly requested.

Looking for an opportunity to help serve our parish families? **C-level certified adults and responsible, energetic youth volunteers** (ages 11 years +) are needed on the **Chrysalis Childcare Team**. Volunteers lead activities and care for the children during monthly meetings. To volunteer, please contact stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Thank you!

'Knight's Corner'



"Second Sunday" Parish Breakfast - Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be Sun, Nov. 12th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales-Our local Knights of Columbus council will be selling Christmas Cards in the Narthex at each Mass starting this weekend through Thanksgiving. These cards are all religious themed and proceeds from sales will go to the new church fund. Stop by and take a look - get your card shopping done while supporting a worthy cause!



Become a Knight! Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186 support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit www.kofc7186.org or contact Michael Erpenbach at mike@erpenbach.com.

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